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SUBJECT: DESALINATION PROJECT, ROSARITO BEACH,  
BAJA CALIFORNIA

REF: STATE 240203

1. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR USE OF SALINE WATERS (CNAAS)  
IS IN CHARGE ROSARITO DESALINATION PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT.
  2. DR. RAFAEL VARGAS SALAZAR, COMMISSION PRESIDENT,  
ADVISED EMBREP DECEMBER 10 THAT PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES  
FOR ROSARITO ARE TO BE PRESENTED DECEMBER 17 BY FOUR  
FIRMS, RESPECTIVELY ONE FRENCH, ONE UK, AND TWO US.
  3. VARGAS EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT DECEMBER 17 ESTIMATES  
ARE BASED ON CNAAS SPECIFICATIONS, BUT HAVE NO REAL  
VALIDITY SINCE DESIGNED FOR COMMISSION USE IN PRE-  
SENTATION OF PROJECT TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE TREASURY  
FOR APPROVAL.
  4. IF AND WHEN PROJECT APPROVED, CNAAS WILL ENTERTAIN  
FORMAL BIDS FROM FIRMS HAVING THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO  
PROVIDE THE DESIRED PLANT CAPACITY EXPANSION AND THE  
REQUIRED FINANCING.
  5. HE ADDED THAT THEY WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH FIRMS  
THAT HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURING LARGE SCALE DESALTING PLANT
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FACILITIES. IN PRIOR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CNAAS PRESIDENT  
HE HAS INDICATED THAT THE GOM IS NOT INTERESTED IN

COMPANIES WHICH MANUFACTURE PLANTS OF 10,000 TO 50,000 GALLONS PER DAY CAPACITY "SINCE MEXICO IS ALREADY BUILDING PLANTS OF THIS SIZE".

6. INSOFAR AS FINANCING IS CONCERNED HE ADVISED THAT CNAAS IS NEGOTIATING WITH COMMERCIAL BANKS IN PREFERENCE TO THE WORLD BANK IN EXPECTATION OF BETTER TERMS AND SPEEDIER ACTION.

7. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE PRESENT ROSARITO PLANT CONSISTS OF TWO MODULES, EACH CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 3.75 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY FOR 7.5 MILLION GPD OUTPUT. PRESENT INSTALLATION BUILT BY AGUA CHEM. GOM PLANS TO DOUBLE CAPACITY, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, APPARENTLY HOLD FIRM.

8. FYI MEXICO'S A-738 OF DECEMBER 4, 1972, CITED AS REFERENCE IN REFTTEL, IS CONCERNED WITH ENTIRELY UNRELATED DUAL PURPOSE PROJECT: POWER/DESALTING FOR N.W. MEXICO -- S.W. UNITED STATES. END FYI.  
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